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Intimations.
 NOTICE.
 UNDER the distinguished Patronage of His Excellency Sir MATTHEW NATHAN, K.C.M.G., Governor of Hongkong.
A CONCERT
 will be given in St. ANDREW'S HALL, CITY HALL, on SATURDAY, the 10th MARCH, at 9 P.M., in aid of the Union Church New Organ Fund, by the following artists:—
 Mrs D. E. Brown, Mrs Gordon, Miss Humphreys, Mrs Kruger, Mr Chalmers, Mr Gonzalez, Mr. J. H. Koenig, Mr. Leckie, Mr Stewart and Mr. Gribble.
 Tickets, \$2.00 each, may be had at Messrs LANE, CRAWFORD & CO. (Music Dept.) and Wm. POWELL, Ltd.; also, of Members of the Ladies' Committee of the Church, or the Undersigned.
A. MACKENZIE,
 Hon. Secretary.
 Hongkong, March 1, 1906. 439.

THE WING SUN and Company of No. 54, Queen's Road Central, Hongkong TAILORS and OUTFITTERS and PUN HIU TUNG alias PUN MAN recently of the same address hereby give Notice that the said PUN HIU TUNG has this day ceased to be a Partner in the Wing Sun and Company and has no longer any connection whatever with the said firm.
WING SUN & Co.,
PUN HIU TUNG.
 Hongkong, March 1, 1906. 447.

THE BOWLING CLUB, LIMITED.
 NOTICE.
MR J. L. COTTER has as from January 1st 1906, ceased to have any connection with the above Club.
 All persons or Companies having any claims against the Club are requested to furnish an itemized account to the Secretary, **E. G. JORDAN.**
 By Order of the Committee,
A. B. MOULDER,
 Chairman.
 Hongkong, February 28, 1906. 414.

HONGKONG PHILHARMONIC SOCIETY.
THE FIRST PRACTICE of 'The Chorus' will take place on MONDAY, the 5th March, in the CITY HALL, at 5.30 P.M. Both Vocal and Orchestral members are requested to attend.
R. T. D. SAYLE,
 Hon. Sec., Hongkong Philharmonic Society,
 C/o The Ward & Godown Co., Ltd.
 Hongkong, February 27, 1906. 406.

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 Hongkong, February 6, 1906. 1380.

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 Departures from Hongkong to Canton daily at 8.30 a.m. (Sunday Excepted), 9 p.m. and 10.30 p.m. (Saturday Excepted).
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 These Steamers, carrying His Majesty's Mails, are the largest and fastest on the River. Special attention is drawn to their Superior Saloon and Cabin accommodation.

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 Departures on Sundays at Noon. Departures from Macao to Hongkong daily at 8 a.m.

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 This steamer leaves Canton for Hongkong every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday at 8 a.m.; and leaves Macao for Canton every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at 7.30 a.m.
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Canton-Wuchow Line.
 s.s. SALNAM, 688 tons, Captain J. Wilcox.
 s.s. NANNING, 568 tons, Captain C. Butchart.
 One of the above Steamers leaves Canton for Wuchow every Monday, Wednesday and Friday at about 8 a.m., and the other leaves Wuchow for Canton on the same days at 8.30 a.m. Round trips take about five days. These vessels have Superior Cabin Accommodation and are lighted throughout by electricity.
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CHAMPAGNES
 FROM
CHARLES HEIDSIECK.
 PURVEYOR TO HIS MAJESTY KING EDWARD.
SIEMSEN & CO.,
 SOLE AGENTS FOR CHINA AND JAPAN.
 Hongkong, March 2, 1906. 460.

NOTICE.
MR RICHARD HANCOCK is authorized to Sign the name of our Firm per Procuration.
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.
 Hongkong, February 28, 1906. 398.

NOTICE.
 WE have this day been Appointed PASSAGE, BAGGAGE, and SHIP-PING AGENTS by Messrs COX & CO., Bankers, Army Agents, &c., of London and Bombay.
 All information can be obtained, or will be forwarded on application stating requirements to
SAYER & GAY,
 19, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL.
 Hongkong, January 25, 1906. 409.

NOTICE.
 THE UNDERSIGNED are in receipt of Telegraphic Advice to the effect that the s.s. **LOTHIAN**, which sailed hence for New York on the 14th December last, has put into Malta for repairs, and it will be necessary for the steamer to dry dock there before proceeding on her voyage to New York.
DODWELL & CO., LD.,
 Agents.
 Hongkong, February 10, 1906. 419.

'JANUS'
 LIFE & ANNUITY INSURANCE CO.,
 HAMBURG.
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ASSETS END 31st DECEMBER, 1904.
 \$1,400,000—equal to £2,000,000.
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WANTED
 ENGLISH TRAINED NURSE accustomed to Children is desirous of Passage to England in return for Services. Can sail immediately if necessary.
 Please reply to 'NURSE,' Care of 'CHINA MAIL' Office.
 Hongkong, February 22, 1906. 376.


Dr T. YAMASAKI,
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 No. 34, QUEEN'S ROAD CENTRAL,
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 COMFORT OF RESIDENTS AND THE CUISINE A SPECIALTY.
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 A FIRST CLASS HOTEL, MOST CENTRALLY SITUATED.
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 Monthly Boarders accommodated on very Moderate Terms.
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 NO BAMBOO FRAMES IN OUR CHAIRS.
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SIEMSEN & CO.,
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 Hongkong, March 2, 1906. 449.

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 GREGOR & Co.'s IMPERIAL HIGHLAND WHISKY \$16.00
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Shewan, Tomes & Co.,
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 BLACK AND BROWN; Also
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 SPARKLING MINERAL TABLE WATER; Qts., Pts., & Sells.
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THE DASHING MILITAIR.

Half-penny newspapers, which riot in imagery, describe him as a Glided Poplin. Jay. What that may be I do not precisely know, but I picture it as one of those fortunate and beautiful creatures that tott not neither do they spin. The girl is liable to get rubbed off, especially in the region of his banking account, and in these trying circumstances he changes his helmet-spoke for plumes, and joins the proud and pampered Staff; or, beating his sword into a truncheon, he comes to Burma as a Military Policeman; and there, "in a trice" and "deserts idle" he pursues elusive T. A. with subtlety and perseverance.

It is quite a mistake to suppose that all his life is spent "hawing a pathway through embattled peers." He does not do it much. Remembering that sport and society have claims upon him, he frequents the Club and the Gymkhana with praiseworthy regularity, but not without a proper sense of the distinction which he thereby confers upon them. He is broadly intolerant. For him the world is divided into two classes, the Army and the rest; and, honestly now, he does not think very highly of the rest. A Judge, perhaps even a Commissioner, if of a deserving type and the husband of a pretty wife, will be greeted with politeness tinged with hauteur, but no undue familiarity will be permitted even from them.

In politics he is strictly conservative, and deplores the democratic spirit of the age which, he declares, is ruining the service as an occupation for a gentleman. The propriety of working for one's living has always been open to discussion and there is much to be said on both sides of the question. I think it was Wat Tyler who reduced the whole problem to a couplet.

"When Adam delved and Eve span
"Who was then the gentleman?"

And the question remains unanswered to this day. Our friend has no doubts on the subject. If there is one thing more than another against which he sets his face, it is the growing practice of working between meals.

The phases of the Dashing Militaire are six. First, a chrysalis or Gentleman Cadet which has been defined as nearly an officer and not quite a gentleman. Then a "sub" with a nice new tunic and soft pink cheeks. It is at this happy period of his life that the ladies make unblushing love to him while he does all the blushing. In time he becomes a "hill-billy" and this part of his career is "wrop in mystery," though the careful researches of Mr. Rudyard Kipling go to prove that the sex is ever to the soldier kind. As a major he is portly and liverish; as a colonel, a martinet; but it is as a general, that he captivates my fancy. He is then the embodiment of armed force, and the might of the Empire is behind him. His word is a command, and when he opens his mouth, let no dog bark. His manner suggests war, and the tramp of innumerable armies.

A word murmured to an aide-de-camp and whole battalions perish in the deadly imminent breach. He has a strange compelling power, and his very appearance creates havoc and unrest. Thrilling members of parliament are seized with an uncontrollable impulse to present him with fifty thousand pounds, and even I am sorely tempted to offer him a shilling if he will go and play fustian down the street.

Tact and discretion are needful in dealing with him. For example, nobody with any sense of propriety would ever dream of offering saviere to the general. If anyone were so indiscreet as to do so he would find the mess sergeant's eye fixed on him, in severe disapproval, while any repetition of the offence would be dealt with according to the customs of war in like cases.

It was formerly a recognised practice for a general to have a horse or two shot under him in battle, but this pretty custom has now fallen into disuse; perhaps because, as firing now takes place at longer ranges, some clumsy fellow might shoot the general instead of the horse.

I have sometimes thought of being a general myself but I do not know how to set about it. I once asked a general, whom I knew slightly, how he managed to become one; whether it was by a miracle, or whether, like Topsy, he "just grew." He turned very red in the face and I was hurried from his presence by a frightened A.D.C. before he had time to reply; but some words that he uttered as I fled along the corridor recalled to my mind that "the army swore terribly in Flanders." So my ambition has never been fulfilled; indeed of late it has been somewhat damaged, for I came by chance upon an advertisement that ran thus:—
"Wanted. A general, clean and energetic. Wages, £16 a year." Now at first sight this seems absurdly cheap; yet I am told there are generals who would be dear even at sixteen pounds.—B. C. V. in the *Rangoon Gazette*.

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HONGKONG AND SHANGHAI BANKING CORPORATION.

THE DIVIDEND declared for the Half-year ending December 1905, at the rate of ONE POUND and FIFTEEN SHILLINGS together with a Bonus of ONE POUND STERLING per Share of £125 is payable on and after MONDAY, the 26th day of February, Current, at the Offices of the Corporation who the Shareholders are requested to apply for Warrants.

By Order of the Court of Directors,
J. R. M. SMITH,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, February 24, 1906. 390

HONGKONG AND WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE DIVIDEND of 12% per Share for the Six Months ending 31st December, 1905, declared at Monday's Ordinary Meeting, will be payable at the premises of the Hongkong and Shanghai Banking Corporation on and after TUESDAY, the 27th February, and Shareholders are requested to apply for DIVIDEND WARRANTS at the Company's Office, Queen's Buildings, New Ferry.

By Order of the Board of Directors,
THOS. I. ROSE,
Secretary.

Hongkong, February 28, 1906. 397

CHINA TRADERS' INSURANCE COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above-named Company will be held at the Registered Offices of the Company at Queen's Buildings, Victoria, in the Colony of Hongkong, on SATURDAY, the Tenth day of MARCH, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, when the Resolutions set out below, which were passed at the Extraordinary General Meeting of the Company held on the Sixteenth day of February, 1906, will be submitted for confirmation as Special Resolutions of the Board.

By Order of the Board,
JAMES WHITTALL,
Secretary.

RESOLUTIONS:

(1) That the Articles of Association of the Company be altered in the following manner:—

The following Article shall be substituted for Article 130, namely:—

130. The Board through its Secretary, shall make Yearly Statements of the Accounts of the Company from the 1st day of January to the 31st day of December, in each and every year, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at each of the Ordinary Meetings of the Company, together with a Report on the general position of the Company.

(2) That the Board, through its Secretary, shall make a Statement of the Accounts of the Company, as from the 1st day of May, 1906, to the 31st day of December, 1906, which shall be duly audited and presented to the Shareholders at the next Ordinary Meeting of the Company to be held during 1906 and that, inasmuch as the Accounts of the Company have already been audited and presented to the Shareholders at the 30th April, 1906, no further or other Statements of the Accounts of the Company for the year 1906, shall be called for or presented to the Shareholders in respect of Article 130 as this day substituted.

Dated the February 16, 1906. 335

THE CHINA SUGAR REFINING COMPANY, LTD.

NOTICE.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the GENERAL MANAGERS on WEDNESDAY, the 21st March, 1906, for the purpose of receiving the Report and Statement of Accounts for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 8th to 21st March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Agents.

Hongkong, February 27, 1906. 410

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to the 8th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
O. PEMBERTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 10, 1906. 292

THE CHINA & MANILA STRAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE TWENTY-THIRD ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICE, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, 1906, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the GENERAL MANAGERS for the year ending 31st December, 1905, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th to WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 27, 1906. 407

THE HONGKONG ROPE MANUFACTURING CO., LTD.

THE TWENTY-SECOND ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 6, Connaught Road, Victoria, on WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, 1906, at 11 A.M., for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the GENERAL MANAGERS for the year ending 31st December, 1905, and electing a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from SATURDAY, the 10th to WEDNESDAY, the 14th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 27, 1906. 406

Intimations.

THE INHABITANTS OF THE COLONY OF HONGKONG.
FREE VACCINATION.

TAKE NOTICE that VACCINATION is performed Free of Charge at the GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL, TUNG WAH HOSPITAL, ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL and NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL, on the days and at the times specified below, and that you are strongly advised to avail yourselves of this privilege and attend at one of these places with your children to be vaccinated in order to protect yourselves from Small Pox.

G. A. WOODCOCK,
Secretary, Sanitary Board.

GOVERNMENT CIVIL HOSPITAL:

Every day except SUNDAY from 2 to 4 P.M.

TUNG WAH HOSPITAL: On the 1st day of the month (Chinese reckoning) and every alternate day subsequently, at 10 A.M.

ALICE MEMORIAL HOSPITAL: On Mondays and Thursdays, at 12 Noon.

NETHERSOLE HOSPITAL: On Wednesdays and Saturdays, at 11 A.M.

Hongkong, February 28, 1906. 413

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

NOTICE OF MEETING.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the GREEN ISLAND CEMENT COMPANY, LIMITED, will be held at the OFFICE of the COMPANY, St. George's Building, Chester Road, Victoria, Hongkong, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1906, at 11.30 o'clock A.M., when the proposed Resolution will be proposed.

Should the Resolution be passed by the required majority, it is proposed that a Special Extraordinary Meeting which will be subsequently convened.

RESOLUTION.

That the Capital of the Company be increased to \$2,000,000 by the creation and issue of 60,000 New Shares of \$10 each fully paid up, to be allotted to the persons constituting the Shareholders of the Company according to the Company's register of Shareholders on the 1st day of July, 1906, in the proportion of one New Share for every three Old Shares in the Company held by the respective Shareholders thereof, the amount payable on each of such New Shares to be paid on the 31st day of July, 1906, and that failing such allotment as aforesaid, the said New Shares be disposed of by the General Managers in accordance with the Company's Articles of Association.

Dated 24th day of February, 1906.

SHEWAN, TOMES & CO.,
General Managers.

GREEN ISLAND CEMENT CO., LTD.

HONGKONG FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the OFFICES of the COMPANY, King's Buildings, Connaught Road, on WEDNESDAY, the 7th day of March, 1906, at 12 o'clock (Noon), to receive a Statement of Accounts to 31st December, 1905, and the Report of the General Managers, and to elect a Consulting Committee and Auditors.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from the 21st February, to the 7th March, both days inclusive.

JARDINE, MATHESON & Co.,
General Managers.

Hongkong, February 12, 1906. 298

THE CHINA FIRE INSURANCE CO., LIMITED.

THE THIRTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS of the Company will be held at the COMPANY'S OFFICES, No. 2, Queen's Road Central, Victoria, on THURSDAY, the 8th March, 1906, at 12 o'clock Noon, for the purpose of receiving a Statement of Accounts and the Report of the Directors for the year ending 31st December, 1905.

The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 23rd February to the 8th March, both days inclusive.

By Order,
O. PEMBERTON,
Acting Secretary.

Hongkong, February 10, 1906. 292

THE CHINA & MANILA STRAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

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MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.Meeting.
12.15 p.m.—Meeting of Hongkong Hotel
Co., Ltd. at Co.'s Hotel.Auction.
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-
niture, etc., at Mr. Geo. P. Lamont's
Sale Rooms.Amusements.
9 p.m.—Performance at City Hall.
9 p.m.—Circus at Causeway Bay.General Memoranda.
MONDAY, March 2—
11 a.m.—Auction of Photographic Gear
at Along's Studio (See House Road).TUESDAY, March 3—
2.30 p.m.—Auction of Household Fur-
niture, at 12, Wyndham Street.WEDNESDAY, March 4—
Noon—Meeting of The Hongkong Fire
Insurance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.11.30 a.m.—Meeting of Green Island
Cement Co., Ltd., at General Manager's
Office.Goods per *Societa* not cleared at 4 p.m.
Goods per *Den of Kelly* undelivered after
this date subject to rent.THURSDAY, March 5—
Noon—Meeting of China Fire Insurance
Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Office.SATURDAY, March 6—
Noon—Meeting of China Traders' In-
surance Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Registered
Office.TUESDAY, March 10—
Noon—Auction of Leasehold Property,
at Messrs. Hughes & Hough's Sale
Rooms.**The China Mail**

HONGKONG, FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1936.

A little story comes from Burma which should serve to awaken Hongkong householders to a sense of their danger in allowing too much freedom to their servants. Mr. C. A. Reuss, of Madras, wrote to one of the papers there this morning a Sanitary Inspector's letter and plague pneumonia brought my "dhol" to my house to show me a sheet, which proved my property. The Sanitary Inspector with his pen caught a funeral party in the attempt of wrapping a corpse which died of plague into one of my bed sheets. The "dhol" had given the sheet on loan, and would no doubt have returned the same to me, and so spread the plague. Between the "dhol" of Madras and the "boy" of Hongkong there is scarcely any perceptible difference. Both have the instincts of a thief pretty highly developed. The "boy" of Hongkong has been known to wear his master's singlets; he has been seen to sleep on the linen put away for washing; he has been caught red-handed making a mattress of the housewife's skirts, and worst of all he has been discovered snugly asleep in the very best family table cloth. He has no compunction whatever about courting Morpheus in anything that is soft and has the slightest suspicion of possessing warmth dispensing properties, and it is a very slight remove from this to borrowing the most immaculate bed linen to assist in giving some dead friend a fitting final send off. To him it is immaterial whether the deceased has succumbed to plague or small-pox. There is no fine sense of discrimination about the house "boy." He is assailed by no pang of conscience; troubled by no touch of scruple as make the European pause before entering upon an enterprise that might spread evil and deadly contagion throughout a community. All this "boy" thinks of is borrowing the materials and getting them back into their place without detection. He has no time to air them or wash them; he would do neither if he had the time, because what might happen to the master of the mattress. At present we have smallpox and plague in the Colony and it behooves all employers of "boys" to keep a watchful eye upon their sleeping quarters, and a tin or two of disinfectant handy. One ounce of precaution mixed with a dash of vigilance is much superior to a ton of cure combined with an expensive doctor's robust bill. The experience of the Madras man should sink into the heads of local residents to some purpose.

This the *Strait Times*, waiting on the high dollar and low salaries:—
"We have heard it stated that the shores of Hongkong is strewn with the bones of European assistants, who have come out to the East under such lamentable agreements with the local firms that death in any form has been deemed preferable to an attempted existence on \$100 or less a month." Is this rather a reflection upon the local Sanitary Board Authorities?

Yesterday was St. David's Day, and some of the Welshmen here celebrated the occasion by having a dinner. Probably being slightly pleased with themselves they will be prepared to cordially and enthusiastically endorse what Miss Annet Kellerman, the Australian writer, has to say of their countrywomen.

Miss Kellerman is highly complimentary about girls in Wales: "The Welsh women, peasants, and fisherfolk, all look more or less like witches. It is impossible to understand them when they're talking. Cardiff, the present capital of Wales (Swansea was the old one), is a flourishing little city. What struck me most there were the pretty girls. They are undoubtedly the prettiest I've seen yet in Great Britain. Their complexion, hair, and eyes are wonderful. I think it must be something in the Welsh air that gives them such an appearance of health and strength."

A soldier's hat may not be removed as readily as a civilian's, and apparently at times not without an order. An escort from the R. G. A. appeared in court at the Magistrate's afternoon and when His Worship entered stood to attention. A Highland trooper in the situation at a glance and ordered the removal of the hats, which he believed was the usual conveyance. Somewhat reluctantly the escort obeyed. They appeared to be in doubt as to whether they were right in obeying the order of a civilian even though a magistrate.

An interesting discovery of rock inscriptions has been made at Khalei, in Ladakh by the Moravian Missionaries. They have been deciphered and were found to be dedicated to a Chinese Customs official who flourished 1200 years ago. The exchange from which we gathered this interesting information does not inform us how the inscriptions read, which seems rather a pity. However, as the "squeeze" is known to be one of the most venerable institutions handed down to our friends on the mainland, we can easily imagine that the authors found little use for complimentary adjectives. If the men who have done a good amount of travelling were each to write upon rocks in the vicinity of customs offices dedications to the malignant spirits who preside in these torture chambers it would be a serious task for the countries concerned. Acres of rock would have to be walled out from public gaze as unfit for publication.

With regard to the report and the two leading articles which appeared in the *China Mail* of the 10th and 15th November 1935, concerning the recent massacre, we unreservedly withdraw all imputations upon the conduct of the French Priest then residing at Lienchau; and we express our regret for the publication of these imputations, and for any injury or pain thereby occasioned to the said Priest or the Missions-Etrangères.

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The Korean Cabinet Council has resolved the number of provinces in the peninsula from thirteen to nine.

Messrs. Benjamin, Kelly, and Fotts are advised by telegraph that the Raub tin mine, which has been producing 655 ounces of gold from 6,185 tons of stone.

A merchant named Murao of Hiroshima, Japan, an army contractor, has been arrested on the charge of having received stolen goods. It is believed the case will develop into a scandal of large proportions.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

The country around Kangayay is notorious for gangs of robbers, and serious robberies by organized gangs are not uncommon there. Recently a case came on for trial at the Sessions in which the house of a widow was broken open at night by a band of ten or fifteen men, who entered the house with lighted torches, and by hanging the woman to a beam by her leg and scorching her in various parts of the body, forced her to show where she had kept her small savings. After they had robbed the house they ran away, but they were followed up by some of the villagers who were able to arrest two of the rascals with a part of the stolen property with them. The case was tried in the Sessions Court, and the accused were convicted and sentenced to transportation for life, the extreme sentence the law allows for such an offence.

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The quick relief afforded by Chamberlain's Cough Remedy in cases of whooping cough, makes it a favorite with the mothers of small children. This remedy liquefies the tough mucus, making it easier to expectorate, keeps the cough loose and unobstructed, and encourages toward pneumonia. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

LOCAL AND COAST NEWS.

Nine of the Japanese prisoners who recently returned from Russia by the "Vancouver" were examined by Court-Martial in the Second Division, Sendai. They were all released on the ground that they had been captured in the advanced lines while lying helpless through severe wounds.

Beaconsfield Arcade.
A number of the Sanitary Board's coolies are now hard at work at Beaconsfield Arcade, thoroughly cleaning and disinfecting the premises. As a preliminary the whole of the ceilings are being pulled out on the top floor and the material, we believe, burned. So far the ground and first floor have not been interfered with but no doubt will come in for a general cleaning up.

Spanpan's European Circus.
By advertisement elsewhere it will be seen that the above circus will open at Causeway Bay to-morrow (Saturday) night. The troupe arrived here yesterday from Happong and has some excellent features, prominent amongst them being the looping of the circle with motors, "the human air row," a flight of over 30 feet being made by a lady. There are also elephants, panthers, lions, horses and other attractions.

Important Property Sale.
An important property sale was held at Mr. Geo. P. Lamont's auction rooms this afternoon by Mr. H. A. Lamont. The first lot submitted was the remaining portion of subsection No. 1 of section A of Island Lot 148 at Causeway Bay, known as No. 24 Causeway Road. This was purchased by the Italian Convent for \$23,100. The second lot was a portion of Island Lot No. 148 having an area of 2522 square feet and known as No. 25 Causeway Road. This fell to Mr. Sin Tak Pak at \$1070. There was a good attendance and bidding was fairly spirited.

Obstructing A Steamer.
Thirteen Chinese launch-men were charged at the Marine Magistrate's Court this morning before the Hon. Captain Barnes-Lawrence, with making fast to the steamer "Wo Sang" while under way. Evidence was given showing that the defendants were all making fast to the "Wo Sang" as she was coming up to her buoy. They impeded the progress of the steamer and were a source of danger. The Harbour Master said that he had frequently warned launch owners against this practice and they did not apparently take any notice. Defendants who came before him for this offence could rest assured that they would get the punishment they deserved. Eleven of the defendants were fined \$50 each and the cases against the other two remained.

Band at Hongkong Hotel.
By kind permission of Lt.-Col. A. G. Fitton, D.S.O., and Officers, the Band of the Second Battalion "The Queen's Own" (Royal West Kent Regiment) will play the following programme of music during dinner at the Hongkong Hotel on Saturday 3rd March.

March..... "Halls Across The Sea"
Overture..... "Zampa"
Waltz..... "Weaver Mad"

Alleged Breach of Hospitality.
Two difficulties have arisen in consequence of the publication of General Ian Hamilton's Staff Officers Scrap Book, descriptive of the Russo-Japanese War. First, the Japanese that the book must be regarded as an official work, since the author was Great Britain's Chief Military Attaché during the campaign. It is alleged that he has violated by his free criticism the hospitality of Japan, if not strained military or official secrets. His work is contrasted with those of naval attaches published for the exclusive information of officers of the British Navy. It is felt that if General Officers on full pay are allowed to rush into print as Sir Ian Hamilton has done, it will be difficult to prevent the junior ranks from doing the same.

The Church in France.
By the law of separation recently passed in France (says our Paris correspondent) all the Churches and their contents become "Public Property," and the Clergy who occupy the Churches have the use of the property. As there are many valuable articles such as gold and silver altars, vessels, pictures, statues, rare lace and embroideries, the 10th clause of the Bill decrees that an inventory of the churches to be made by special officials who are expert as to their value and artistic merit. The Bishops have given orders that no person, especially if he be a layman, shall be allowed to open lockers or examine in any way the treasures inside the churches and this may lead to serious conflict.

STEARN'S WINE OF GOD LIVER OIL.
This is a most valuable remedy in delicate health. If you are feeling morose and listless, you need a good general tonic. Remember, there is nothing better than Stearn's Wine of God Liver Oil.

RHEUMATISM CAN BE CURED.
There is no disease which inflicts more torture than rheumatism and there is probably no disease for which such a varied and useless lot of remedies have been suggested. To say that it can be cured is therefore a bold statement to make, but Chamberlain's Pain Balm, which enjoys an extensive sale in this country, has met with success in the treatment of this disease wherever it has been tried. One or two applications of this liniment will relieve the pain and hundreds of sufferers from this disease testify to permanent cure by its use. For sale by all chemists and storekeepers.

OUR NEW NAVAL PROGRAMME.**DECREASE IN CONSTRUCTION.****Twelve Submarines to be Built.**

(Exclusive Service, supplied by Reuters, via Bombay.)

LONDON, March 1.

The Naval Estimates for the year amounts to £31,500,000, a decrease of £1,500,000 on those of last year.

The money allotted for the construction of new vessels is £250,000 less than the previous year.

The new ships to be laid down in 1936 include four armoured cruisers (the design of which have not yet been decided upon), twelve submarines, five ocean destroyers and twelve coastal destroyers.

[REUTERS' SERVICE.]

THE MOROCCO CONFERENCE.**Feeling More Hopeful.**

LONDON, February 28.

Some progress was made yesterday at the Algiers conference, and a more hopeful feeling prevails.

SOUTH AFRICA.**Debate in The Lords.**

LONDON, February 28.

The House of Lords debated the Chinese labour question till midnight. Lord Roberts said that he agreed with Lord Milner, as to the disastrous effect of a change of policy in the government of the Transvaal.

THE JAPANESE NAVY.**The New Warship.**

LONDON, February 28.

Viscount Hayashi has paid a visit to Newcastle to inspect the Japanese warship "Kashima."

THE FORTIFICATION OF KIAOCHOW.**Providing Military Security.**

LONDON, February 28.

Admiral von Tirpitz in the Reichstag, denied that Kiaochoh was to be made a first class fortress, but as there was no doubt that the result of the war had changed the military situation, it was necessary to provide a certain military security; the port must be strong to the seawards to ensure neutrality, and landwards to cope with Chinese disturbances.

AT THE THEATRE.**Another Crowded House.**

A packed house again greeted the Bandmann Comic Opera Company last night when they played the "Earl and the Girl" at the Theatre Royal. In fact the house was overflowing, and chairs had to be provided for many who could not obtain seats, whilst others had to stand. From the ribbing of the curtain the piece went splendidly, the company being in excellent form. There was plenty of wit, and the singing was such as to earn generous accolades. In fact almost every man was asked to be repeated, and in some cases, especially when Mr. Harry Cole, Miss Corlaas, and Mr. Attwell were concerned, the audience would not be satisfied with one encore, they wanted more. The piece abounds in dainty music and some of the songs were charming. The audience was extremely enthusiastic, and was kept amused to a high degree throughout the evening. The company has undoubtedly secured great success this tour, and they will no doubt have full houses during the remainder of this stay. To-night they play "The Belle of New York," and as this is a particularly sparkling and popular piece there is some sure to be another crowded house. Now that the Company are having such good houses we think it is time they ceased charging ten cents for programmes. The demands of a coloured person for ten cents for a very common programme merely irritates people, especially after they have paid ordinary prices for seats.

A Stolen Purse.

A scold was charged at the Magistrate's with having committed a theft on board the German flag ship "Furst Bismarck." An officer from the ship stated that he had ordered a photographic engraving from the defendant and yesterday he came on board with it and went into defendant's room. While there the defendant was for a time alone and after he had gone the complainant missed his purse, which had been in a drawer. The defendant was brought back and was found to have the purse in his possession. Defendant said that he picked the purse up on the floor of the cabin. He was convicted and sentenced to three weeks' gaol with six hours in the stocks.

When one is sick, the greatest cure should be taken in the selection of a remedy. The best medicine is none too good, and an endeavor should be made to get it. As an investigator and technician, Stearn's Wine of God Liver Oil is the best.

BY TELEGRAPH.

THE EMPRESS
DOWAGER.

SERIOUSLY ILL AT PEKING.

(From Our Correspondent.)

SHANGHAI, March 2.

It is reported from Peking that Her Majesty the Empress Dowager of China is seriously ill.

CORRESPONDENCE.

THE CITY HALL.

(To the Editor of the 'CHINA MAIL'.)

Sir,—Who would be responsible in the event of a panic and death resulting therefrom at the City Hall Theatre? Last night the place was disgracefully crowded and every available seat was filled with chairs. What would have happened had there been a score of my kind in the theatre to contemplate? Under Mr. Bowley's regime the putting in of additional chairs was always strictly forbidden; who looks after the City Hall now I know not, but it is time some one did. The Bandmann Company are decidedly popular and deservedly so and we shall see in all probability very full houses. The Police, the P.W.D. or some other body had better better themselves before an accident happens. One objectionable feature of the Bandmann Company is the charge for programmes; it is an innovation here and should be put down, as in every way it is a retrograde step. As every one knows the programmes cost the Management nothing and it is a disgrace that such a squeeze should be perpetrated. A gentleman sitting next to me asked one of the Chinese ushers for a programme and was told he could get one at the door by paying for it. This after fighting through a crowd to reach a 33 cent—Yours etc.,

HONGKONG, March 2.

HONGKONG AND KOWLOON
WHARF & GODOWN CO.

The following is the report for presentation to shareholders in the above Company at the nineteenth ordinary annual meeting, to be held at the City Hall on Monday, March 12 at 12.15 p.m.:

The Directors have now to submit to shareholders their report with a statement of accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1905.

The profit on working was \$393,753.10 as compared with \$390,740.84 in 1904, being an increase of \$3,012.26.

The balance at credit of Profit and Loss account, after paying interim dividend of 5% and including \$23,422.92 brought forward last year, is \$580,130.39 which is proposed to appropriate as follows:—

Directors' and Auditors' fees...	10,600.00
Final dividend of 7 per cent...	139,640.50
Transfer to Depreciation and Repairs account...	50,000.00
Transfer to Reserve Fund...	300,000.00
Transfer to Insurance Fund...	10,000.00
Write off Wharves...	12,885.15
Kellyways and Rolling stock...	8,048.83
Write off Launches...	9,000.00
Lights...	18,839.38
Machinery and Plant...	4,900.48
Carry forward to next account...	28,040.05
\$580,130.39	

On 1st January 1906 the Company's Yarn storage business, formerly conducted at Wahchoi, was transferred to Kowloon. Business generally throughout the year was restricted in consequence of the financial position of the Chinese.

Of the 10,000 new shares authorized on 22nd September 1904, 9963 were taken up. The Company acquired M. L. A. (having an 'A' rating of 1905) for \$213,559.94 including the buildings thereon, which latter it is proposed to utilize as offices. The exchange of land with Government referred to in last report is progressing.

The new Ferry pier opposite Salisbury Road and three small wharves opposite the premises have been completed. West Point wharf has been thoroughly repaired. No. 9 godown (rebuilt) was completed in June, and Nos. 30/31 (for hazardous goods) in March, Nov. 4/5 (old) are being replaced by a large double storied godown. Fire proof walls have been built across the godown and between and 20/21. New Workshops and Storehouses are in course of erection behind the godown.

Additional lines of rail have been laid and other alterations made with a view to keeping pace with the rapid working appliances with which modern vessels are now equipped.

The Government tug 'Praya' (renamed 'Osmont') was purchased and when fitted with new boiler etc. will be a cheap and useful acquisition. Six new open lighters (European style) were built during the year and two more are in course of construction by the Hongkong and Whampoa Dock Co. All the godowns are now provided with portable Fire Engines. Four cranes, four grab winches, one crane elevator, and a second hand dredger with hopper barge were acquired during the year.

An electric light installation throughout the premises has been partially completed. Directors.—Mr. L. S. Whistler, Mr. E. A. Hewitt and Mr. H. Schubert resigned and their places were taken by Mr. G. H. Lehmann respectively. Mr. L. S. Whistler resigned and his place was taken by Mr. E. A. Hewitt.

The appointments of Messrs. Medhurst, Lewis, Hewitt and Lehmann require confirmation.

Messrs. E. A. Hewitt and A. J. Rayman retire in rotation, according to the Articles of Association, but being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Messrs. W. H. Potts and A. O'D. O'Donnell have audited the accounts now presented and offer themselves for re-election.

D. W. DICKSON

HONGKONG, 29th February, 1906.

THE WELSH DINNER.

An enjoyable dinner took place at the Hongkong Hotel last night, which had been organized by Messrs. B. J. Jones, B.A., and G. T. Lloyd, for the purpose of bringing together the Welshmen in the colony and fittingly celebrating St. David's Day. Lt. Col. Price, D.S.O., presided, with Mr. A. J. Williams in the vice-chair. The national emblem "The Leek," neatly designed and executed in silver was worn by every member present. The menu card was a work of art, being designed by Mrs. Price. Above the National Motto—"Y Ddraig goch a dyry gychwyn" (The red dragon will go along way) the dragon reared itself, whilst a leek and a Welsh harp served as a ground work to the menu which was printed in Welsh. On the top of the card was "Du hant a gadwyn, Ew i'r gollant One Gwyllt Wales." Taliesin's Prophecy, circa 600, A.D. The table was beautifully decorated by Mrs. Aitken. After dinner, which was served under the direct supervision of Mr. Jones, the toast of the 'King' was honoured, after which came the toast of 'The Prince of Wales.' Mr. G. T. Lloyd sang a verse of 'God bless the Prince of Wales,' all present joining in the chorus. Lt. Col. Price proposed the 'Land of our Fathers,' dealing with the 'patriotic spirit of Wales.' He remarked that for many years the English Kings drew their best soldiers from Wales and that the victory at Agincourt was mainly due to the bowmen from the Principality.

Capt. Thomas read the 'Immovable Covenant,' written by Hu Dervel and translated into English by Widdie, Capt. Thomas' father. 'The March of the Men of Harlech' was sung by Mr. A. J. Williams, and a poem by the Rev. Dr. P. H. M. S. 'Andromeda' was read by Mr. G. T. Lloyd. Other songs and speeches were given by the following:—

Messrs. A. J. Williams, E. C. Wilks, Sutton, James, Owen Hughes, Capt. Thomas, Lieut. Sparman, R. N., and Lieut. Garwood, the latter expressing the hope that next year, and 'Eisteddfod' might be held in Hongkong.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

The following is the programme of music to be performed by the Band of the 11th Infantry on the Parade Ground on Monday next from 4.30 to 6 p.m.:—Overture 'Light Cavalry'; 'Valse' 'Reponse a l'Amoureux'; 'Cornet Solo' 'Trot de Cavalier'; Selection 'Gingalee'; Ragtime 'Laughing Water'; Piccolo Solo 'Deep Blue Sea'; God Save the King.

A very interesting address was delivered last night at the Chinese Y. M. C. A. by Dr. Wan Tun Mo. The subject chosen was 'The duty of the Chinese people in the present day.' The speaker referred to the advances Chinese had made under foreign tuition and declared that although many Chinese disliked foreigners and would like to drive them out of the land it was to the interests of the Chinese that they should remain. Foreigners had introduced many comforts and conveniences into Chinese life which made it more enjoyable. He urged his countrymen to cultivate science and art rather than the spirit of war.

The friends of Mr. J. H. Kemp (who was acting Magistrate here recently) will be pleased to learn that he has been successful in passing his examination in Constitutional Law (English and Colonial) and Legal History. The examination took place at the Middle Temple from December 18 to 21, and out of 132 Students of the Inns of Court who presented themselves only two passed in the first class. These were—Mr. J. H. Kemp and Mr. Vakaji Varunji Tarapalawala. Eighteen passed in the second class and seventy one in the third, while forty-one failed. Mr. Kemp is to be congratulated for obtaining so high a position in this examination.

On Wednesday last at five o'clock, the marriage of Rev. R. A. Chambers and Miss Julia E. Trainham was solemnized at the Old Chapel, Canton, in the presence of a large company of friends, both foreigners and Chinese. The ceremony was performed by Rev. John Lake. Mr. Chambers is from Baltimore, Maryland, and Miss Trainham is from Richmond, Virginia, and both are well known as members of the American Southern Baptist Convention Mission here. Mr. Chambers is the Corresponding Secretary of the China Baptist Publication Society, whose publishing house is on the Shumshu. The brides' gown was of white silk, trimmed with a satin ribbon. She wore a large white picture hat, and carried a large bouquet of white roses. The ceremony was simple and impressive. One of the prayers was offered in Chinese by Mr. Lee-Wai-ling, the Chinese preacher at this chapel, where the contracting parties have had charge of the preaching and work among the women men and respectively. Rev. H. E. Graves, D.D., was best man; and the ushers were Dr. W. D. Shelby, Mr. Rank Leslie, in Rev. Wm. D. Rogers, and Mr. S. F. Rickotts. Mrs. A. A. Pelton presided at the organ. Mr. and Mrs. Chambers will reside at 11, Hong Kong, in the southwestern suburb.

WARRICKTON, February 29.

The Flints are organizing a strong army, in order to keep themselves in readiness for a future revolutionary movement. A so-called 'pretender' to the Russian Throne has taken possession of the town. (Elizabetgrad is north-east of Odessa.)

Mr. Christian Scientist: 'Sickness is only a manifestation of sin.' The 'Popular Practitioner': 'Then, madame, your husband is on the road to perdition.'—L.A.

THE FAMINE IN NORTH JAPAN.

Generous Australian Merchant.

Messrs. Blackmore & Co. of Kobe have received from their Sydney correspondents, Messrs. C. E. Waters & Co., a cable to the effect that Mr. Samuel Hordern has contributed five thousand bags of flour for the starving Japanese of the northern Prefecture.

The generous donor belongs to the firm of Anthony Hordern & Sons, of Sydney. Messrs. Waters are shipping the flour by the quickest route, and consigning it to Messrs. Blackmore of Kobe. It is to be delivered in Japan free, an unconditional gift from Mr. Samuel Hordern for the relief of the famine-stricken. The offer of the gift was communicated to Governor Hattori, and Acting-Governor replied, expressing his delight at hearing of the generous gift of the Australian merchant. The Acting-Governor requested Messrs. Blackmore to be the medium of the benevolent work.

PARISIANS DUPED.

A Pseudo Duchess.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PARIS, January 26.

The Duchess Grey Maudsley de Villandry, a very handsome flat in July last at 60 Avenue du Bois-de-Bologne, the most fashionable and expensive quarter of Paris, and had it furnished in the most luxurious style. She had a most picturesque tongue and those who kept her company were supplied with the Duchess with all she desired. For six months all went well, but finally the owner of the flat, not getting any rent, put the ball in and sold off the furniture, which, by the way, was not paid for.

The Duchess then moved off to Saint Sebastian, installing herself in a delightful villa, which she named 'Villandry.' Here she entertained considerably and on the recommendation of one of her visitors M. J. Dreyfus lent her Grace France 150,000, on various scrip, which has since turned out to be fraudulent.

On the Police investigating it was discovered that the Duchess, who had no right to a title, was an Irish woman named Guinness. She was born forty-one years ago at a little village near Clonakilly and was educated at a convent which she left to become maid to an American lady. After travelling in the capacity of maid for some years she decided to strike out for herself and from America she returned to Europe. Here she described herself as the daughter of an American millionaire and as it is nothing unusual for an American to have a titled husband, her little departures from the usage of society were condoned. And so she went on from place to place, without raising suspicion, until at last her story came out.

She will probably escape with a few months' imprisonment for using an illegal title, her exorbitant being conducted so cleverly that it will be hard to get a conviction.

HEALING BY FAITH.

A Parisian Story.

(From Our Correspondent.)

PARIS, January 26.

A curious case has been brought before the Judge d'Instruction, in which M. Pradier, formerly a tailor, is charged with the illegal practice of medicine. M. Pradier never prescribed for his patients, or recommended any course of treatment. He limited himself to invoking the spirits, prayers and then lay his hands upon the afflicted parts with the result that in ninety-eight cases out of a hundred the patient is cured.

'No one can complain of or reproach me,' he said, 'of having practiced medicine. I do not give prescriptions, and do not swindle my clients, as I don't wish to be paid. God has given me the powers of healing. When forty years of age I suffered from cancer in the stomach and the Doctors said my case was hopeless. They could do nothing for me so I invoked the aid of Spirits and was made well. I then understood that a mysterious power was in me and that it was my duty to exercise it for the benefit of my fellow beings. Since then I have consecrated myself to my mission, happy in being the instrument by which numerous persons have recovered their health.'

A long list of witnesses who professed to have been healed gave sworn testimony in favour of M. Pradier. One, who suffered from cancer, declared that the 'admirable and excellent man, M. Pradier, merely touched the afflicted spot' and she was cured in an hour. Another suffered from the worst form of neurasthenia and was cured. The testimony of these witnesses was corroborated by their medical attendants.

How can this phenomena be explained? Some scientists hold the opinion that it is similar to the 'Miracles' at Lourdes—'suggestion' and 'mentality.' But it is peculiar that science has not been able to cure cancer which in this particular case there are three instances of cancer being cured simply by a man touching the afflicted person.

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SKETCHES OF NATIVE LIFE.

The Taoist Wizard.

(From Our China Mail.)

Occasionally the Taoist priest may be met with in the streets of Hongkong. He is at once recognised by his distinctive robes. These of the Buddhist priest are of a dirty slate colour; those of the Taoists are of the ordinary blue material and colour. But the Taoist wizard is distinguished from every other man in China by the fact that he does not shave any part of his head. He is allowed to retain the head-dress of the much-lamented Ming dynasty, because when the T'ing conquered China they regarded the Taoist as too insignificant to meddle with. The companion dress, which is very peculiar, and not unlike that of a woman.

Taoist priests may be divided into two classes. The one probably the more learned and industrious, live in the seclusion of mountain monasteries, and are seldom to be seen gazing with awe. The other class, who are frequently encountered at their daily avocations. All are the disciples of the famous Lao Tzu, who was contemporary with Confucius, whose teachings have been expounded by the not less famous Chuang Tzu. Today, however, both classes have travelled far from the seclusion of their mountain retreats, and are now to be seen in the streets of the city, and appear to conform to a system which successive generations have built up, but into the heart of which few foreigners have ever entered. A Taoist Pope, called Chong Tin Su, or the Magnificent Heavenly Teacher, controls both parties.

The first class, as before mentioned, is the more influential. In times of severe drought they are employed by the government to pray for rain; in times of floods they are requisitioned to pray for sunshine. As a matter of fact, little is known of their regular life. Their monasteries have been destroyed by devoted Taoists of bygone days, and therefore they do not either 'do they' or 'are they.' Among them are those who are supposed to be in search of the elixir of immortality, and Chinese history contains many records of Taoist wizards who have inveigled emperors and empresses into the belief that this discovery was possible, and therefore should be prosecuted. Apparently after the experience of two thousand years and a succession of brilliant failures, there is now little more faith in this possibility than in the West there is in the so-called science of alchemy.

The second class are, as has been said, to be met with everywhere. Their business is to guggle with and overcome the malign powers, which rain evil on unhappy mortals. It would be no easy task to give a correct account of their duties. They have unlimited power over devils and demons, and when money is plentiful their services are ungrudgingly given. They can increase or lessen the potency of man's natal star. They appease the ruffled tempers of earthly demons. When a Chinese opens a new house he calls in a Taoist priest to expel the wicked deity which though invisible here has been waiting for their prey. When the coffin has been borne out to the hills, they remain behind, to propitiate the departed manes. I myself once witnessed a scene of this kind. A boatman had died. All through the night after the funeral, wizards fantastically dressed, were marching in Indian file through and around the boat, which was heaped for the ceremony. Chanting, reciting, lifting off crackers, burning mountains of sacred paper, they made a frightful racket, and not till the East indicated the approach of day did they desist. It was a weird business and doubtless to the ignorant and superstitious natives very impressive. But to me, well, let it pass.

Indeed at times where devils are obstinate, the priest will mount a ladder whose steps are knives, though probably not very sharp ones. They insert heated iron balls into their mouths. They capture and confine devils in capacious jars. Thus it will be seen that, in their daily avocations, they are brought into contact with devils, who for the most part appear to be vindictive.

Of the personal character and the intellectual attainments of the average Taoist priest I must speak with caution. He certainly does not appear to be so besotted as his Buddhist confrere. Opium has not stamped its brand upon his brow so markedly. Moreover, the home life of many of them would suggest a better social condition, though not, for speed their days in seclusion monasteries. It is rare, indeed, that they are to be seen in temples, for their assistance is required for the most part in the homes of the people. I once witnessed an imposing scene at services at the Dragon Temple in Canton, where there were many Taoist priests called in to pray for rain, when the land had longed for moisture. Generally, however, they emerge from the privacy of their dwellings, and when their duties finished they quietly depart. On the other hand the intellectual failure of the average wizard cannot but be somewhat dwarfed, seeing that he passes his days among devils and demons. Then, too, the intellectual among the people regard them as fair game for their wit and their satire though perhaps not to the same extent as the Buddhist.

Of the two stories below, both of which are regarded as satire on the priests, the first is from a collection of stories called 'Liu Chai,' many of which have been translated by Mr. Giles. They will be found a collection of great interest for intelligent English children, and are something akin to the 'Arabian Nights.'

Once upon a time there lived a Mr. Wang who was so infatuated with the Taoist

religion, that he left his wife and family for a time in order to visit a noted monastery and make the acquaintance of a famous priest. He found the gentleman living in seclusion, and expressed a desire to learn the sacred mysteries. The priest received him without enthusiasm; and when he learnt his purpose, advised him to return to his family. Mr. Wang, however, persisted, and so a compact was made. Mr. Wang was to obey all orders. The following day the priest sent the novice to the hills to chop wood. Though he found this distasteful he obeyed. The work was heavy. Day after day the dreary monotony continued, till the learner meditated flight. One evening, however, on his return to the monastery, he observed two strangers. They were drinking wine with the old priest. Presently the latter cut out a small disc of paper, and stuck it against the wall, which was immediately transformed into a large moon, brilliant and beautiful. The priest then threw a chopstick against it, when it stepped Chang Ngo, the Lady of the Moon. Dispirited at first, she gradually grew before their eyes, till she had attained the figure of a full grown woman of surpassing beauty. She danced and sang with bewitching sweetness, her voice was strong, sweet, and clear as the notes of a flageolet. Then without a word of warning she disappeared again into a chopstick and disappeared. Mr. Wang was delighted; but having drunk some wine he fell asleep. In the morning the remnants of a feast littered the room. Again, after another long spell of hard work, Mr. Wang hinted that he was tired and would return. The priest replied, 'I indicated that the work would be heavy, and the fatigue severe. Nevertheless, as you have worked patiently, before you leave me I will show you how to walk through a solid wall.'

He then taught him a magic sentence and bade him bend his head and make for the wall. Mr. Wang did as he was bidden and actually found himself on the other side. Delighted with his triumph he thanked the priest and returned home. Among his old friends he reiterated contentment for walls roused their incredulity. His wife, however, was specially contemptuous and therefore he set about convincing her. Stepping back from the wall he rushed at it at full speed with head down; but coming in contact with hard bricks he finished up in a heap on the floor. He picked himself up and found that he had a lump on his forehead as big as a large egg; at which he roared with laughter. But Wang was overwhelmed with rage and shame, and cursed the old priest for his ingratitude. The fact was he had forgotten the magic sentence.

Once upon a time also a devoted wife fell into deep distress because her husband, who had gone abroad to attend to his business had not at the expected time returned. She was so distressed that she consulted a Taoist priest in order to discover the cause of the prolonged absence. At the close of his many muttered incantations he said, 'Your husband has not any desire to return.' With this reply she was so distressed that she consulted the priest again. The priest replied, 'He is, in fact, infatuated with a woman of surpassing beauty, and though he is provided with a pair of wings he would find it extremely difficult to return.' The wife wept and asked if there was no means to attract her husband back. The priest again replied, 'If you don't value money, you are willing to accept a large sum, perhaps I can utter a special incantation which will be effective.' The afflicted wife then produced all her savings and handed them over to the priest, who went forth to buy the necessary accessories of worship, such as candles, incense, paper and food, so that when he presently returned the things he needed seemed to fill the room. He then began his worship. He lit the candles. He beat a gong. He muttered incantations. With a deafening noise he proceeded to appeal to the Great Emperor, whose glory and majesty equaled Heaven itself. The priest, having finished this part of the programme, was in the act of writing out a mystic charm, when, lo, the husband himself stood in the doorway of his house. He had been inveigled into a gambling bout, and having lost all his money, had returned to solicit from his wife a loan of a further sum. Immediately he read the condition of affairs, and saw that his wife had been cheated out of her money so that there was none left for him. He flung himself into a terrific temper and without knowing what he did seized the frightened priest, and gave him a sound thrashing. Then he happened to hear a barrel of pigwash in the room. The enraged man seized a ladle and began to pour the wash on the head and over the robes of the wizard. He looked like a drenched chicken, and stood shivering with cold and fright. The priest then fell on the floor and implored for mercy. By this time the street was crisscrossed with crowds of people who had gathered to ascertain the cause of all this confusion. The infuriated man then kicked the priest clean out through the doorway into the street, where he stood bemastered and beamed, with his recent unsavoury shower-bath. He hesitated a moment, but when the crowd set up a huge shout of delight at the treatment the priest received, he turned on his heels and rushed away. The husband said to his wife he was not recorded.

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DUMPING RUBBISH.

Four dust-boat coolies were convicted, at the Magistracy this morning, of having dumped a quantity of rubbish in the harbour. Constable Barker stated that he saw the defendants' dust boat load a large quantity of rubbish at the Bamboo Pier and when they got about eighty yards out they started throwing some of it overboard. Five baskets full of rubbish were seen dumped when witnesses rowed out to the dust-boat and the defendants seeing him jumped overboard and swam ashore and made off. He subsequently effected their arrest.

Mr. F. A. Hazelard imposed fines of \$50 each with the alternative of two months' gaol in default of payment.

BUSH FIRES IN AUSTRALIA.

Heartrending Scenes.

Extensive bush fires were raging in Australia, when the last mail left. Immense damage was done and the loss of life is believed to be large. One fire broke out in a heavily timbered locality most of the trees being over 100 ft. in height, with a dense undergrowth of scrub and fern, except when small clearings surrounded the homes of the settlers mark the beginning of the Herculean task of subduing the forest. There was consequently an abundance of fuel for the flames, and they made a raging avalanche of fire with lurid tongues shooting 150 ft. high into the murky atmosphere.

At one place six children were suffocated before the eyes of their mother who was powerless to help them, though she succeeded in saving the life of her youngest child, while another of the family found refuge in a creek. A courageous school teacher saved the lives of 18 children by placing them under blankets which he kept wet by throwing water upon them, having to dash through the flames for some distance to obtain the water. A man and his two sons had a thrilling experience. Riding to assist neighbours, they traversed a plain that had been ring-barked two years before, and was heavily cropped with grass. In the middle the fire suddenly swept towards them with hurricane velocity, bearing huge walls of flame and blinding clouds of smoke. The horsemen galloped furiously ahead for seven miles, and reached a tank into which they precipitated themselves, while the conflagration raged by. The frightful heat forced them to remain in the water for five hours. Reardon, who had almost similar experience a month ago, says that had they been in a different position they would have been roasted.

At another place a Mr. Clemson was working in a piece of flint land some distance from his home, when he saw the fire advancing towards him in a wall of solid flame at the speed of a galloping horse. In the house were his wife and three young children, his mother, and a female relative and two more children. He rushed away at once to save his home, and two teams came to the road side, and with them, two employees, came to his assistance, but before they could realise it the home was doomed. No human power could stay the advance of the fire, and almost before the inmates could escape from the house it was wrapped in flames. There was a galvanised tank, which, being empty, had been blown from its stand, and was lying under a short distance from the house. Into this haven of refuge Mr. Clemson hurried the women and children. Rushing back to the house, he seized and carried over to the tank a barrel of water. Three of the men rushed away to save themselves, while Mr. Clemson and an Italian named Albino Clavario remained with the women and children. The whole place was surrounded with fire. The heat was so intense that two horses standing by succumbed from the heat alone. The iron tank became hot, and it was only by keeping the blankets in which the females were wrapped damp with water from the barrel that their position was rendered endurable.

The tank was contiguous to a small outbuilding. If this broke into flames the whole party must have perished. On a desperate moment it took fire, but each time Clavario rushed from the shelter of the tank, scraped up a few handfuls of earth, and threw it on the burning timber, and each time he came back with his clothes on fire. In the meantime Mr. Clemson was holding a dog and two pet sheep which were barking and bleating in the most distressing manner. The heat became so intense that the women started to scream, became hysterical, and had to be forcibly restrained from running straight into the flames. 'Clavario, saved like a Briton,' Mr. Clemson says, 'and if it had not been for his heroic and self-sacrificing I don't think we would have been alive to-day. I never saw anything like it, although I went through the great fire of 1898, and I hope never to have such an other experience.'

Many other thrilling stories are told in connection with the fire, which have proven enormously destructive. Hundreds of people have been rendered homeless by the fires, the homesteads having been totally destroyed. Valuable houses and cattle have been suffocated or burned to death, while huge quantities of fodder have been consumed.

WEATHER REPORT.

The following notes are issued by Mr. Figg of the Hongkong Observatory:— On the 2nd at 12.15 p.m. The barometer has risen over 8.0 mm. The temperature is 75° F. The wind is from the S.W. at 10 m.p.h. The sky is clear. The moon is visible. The tide is in. The water is calm. The air is fresh. The sea is smooth. The weather is fine.

THE POLITICAL MOVEMENT IN THE STATES.

New York, Jan. 20.

A special to the Mail from Washington says:—If the reports of politicians who come into Washington from various states have any foundation, the Senate is rushing to an epoch-making turn in its history. Nearly every Senator who has been ten years in Congress seems to have been picked out by the insurgent element of his own State for defeat.

The idea underlying the forebodings of disaster for so many men now secretly seated in the upper house is that the American people started out last November to have a new deal in politics. They overturned things right and left. The Senate is so constituted from its long terms and elections much in advance of the beginning of service, that the November elections had no effect on it. To revolutionize that body requires skillful prying from beneath and for a long time; but this process, it is asserted, has begun.

This movement, if threats and rumours may be so regarded, does not contemplate the turning of one party out and getting the other in, but it is rather a fractional uprising and a break, and usually on the issues of Roosevelt; or a more radical sort. Times may change and these matters may be forgotten; but if they mean anything, the wave of anti-capitalistic Republicanism is in the air.

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DESTINATION.	VESSELS.	AGENTS.	DATE OF LEAVING.
Amoy, y. ports of call	Princess Alice (s)	Melchers & Co.	Mar. 14, at Noon
Batavia	Bayern (s)	Melchers & Co.	Mar. 28, at Noon
Amoy, y. Ports of call	Prinz Regent Luitpold	Melchers & Co.	April 11, at Noon
Batavia & Iloilo	Kailong (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 8.
Batavia & Iloilo	Sungkinging (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 7.
Amoy, Mars., L'pool.	Pedrus (s)	Butterfield & Swire	March 20.
Amoy, Bremen R'burg	Sambia (s)	Hamburg-A'm's Link	March 7.
Amoy, Hamburg	Tuetonia (s)	Hamburg-A'm's Link	March 14.
Amoy, via Shanghai.	Tianapa (s)	Yara-China-Japan Lin	1st half of March
Amoy, via Shanghai.	Sulitjap (s)	Yara-China-Japan Lin	2nd half of March
Amoy, via Fuzhou	Tilkyung (s)	Yara-China-Japan Lin	1st half of April.

Changsha (6)	Butterfield & Swiro	March 6.
Achilles (6)	Butterfield & Swiro	March 13.
Acinuous (5)	Butterfield & Swiro	March 27.
Dongola (5)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	Mar. 22, at Nor.
London, &c.	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Mar. 14.
Nahia (5)	Gibb, Livingston & Co.	About Max. 15.
Navoris (6)	Molochers & Co.	Mar. 6, at Nor.
Antipor	Molochers & Co.	Mar. 6, at Nor.
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Willshad (5)	Molochers & Co.	Mar. 6, at Nor.

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Seattle, v. S'ba, Japan	Dakota, (s)	Nippon Yusen Kaisha.	About April 22
S'ba, Moji, Kobe, Yokohama	Socotra (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Mar. 4
S'ba, Penang & C'ta	Kulsang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 8, at 3 p.m.
S'ba, Penang & C'ta	Shaohsing (s)	Butterfield & Swire.	March 8.
Shanghai.	Oceania (s)	P. & O. S. N. Co.	About Mar. 4.
Shanghai.	Walshing (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 3, at 4 p.m.
Shanghai.	X'wongang (s)	Jardine, Matheson & Co.	Mar. 5, at 4 p.m.
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S'hore, Kōbe & Y'nama	London (e).....	Shesgoose, Kōbe & Y'nama	March 28, p. 10.
S'hore, Pang, O'lbo &c	Austria (e).....	Sander, Wiler & Co.	March 3, p. 10.
S'hai and Portland, O.	Aragonia (e).....	Sander, Wiler & Co.	Portland & A. S. Co.
S'hai and Portland, O.	Nicomedia (e).....	Portland & A. S. Co.	Mar. 11, Dayli
S'tow, Amoy & Tamsel	Daigi Marr (e)....	Portland & A. S. Co.	Mar. 23, Dayli
S'tow, Amoy & Amping	Maizduru Marr (e)	Usaka Shoen Kaisha	Mar. 4, at a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & P'chow	Amping Marr (e)...	Usaka Shoen Kaisha	Mar. 7, at a.m.
S'tow, Amoy, Foochoo	Shoeshi Marr (e)...	Usaka Shoen Kaisha	Mar. 8, at a.m.
S'tow, Amoy & P'chow	Haiching (e).....	Usaka Shoen Kaisha	Mar. 16, a.m.
T'ientin	Esang (e).....	Douglas Lyprik & Co.	Mar. 8, at 3 p.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c	Esang (e).....	Douglas Lyprik & Co.	Mar. 8, at 3 p.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c	Empress of Japan (e)	Dodwell & Co., Limited	About Mar. 6.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c	Empress of China (e)	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Mar. 7.
Vancouver (B.C.), &c	Athenia (e).....	Canadian P'fic R. Co.	Mar. 23.
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SHARE LIST.—QUOTATIONS

Stocks.	No. of Shares.	Value.	Paid up.	Closing Quotations Cash.
BANKS.				
Hongkong and Shanghai Bank Corp.	80,000	195	all	\$800, ex div.
National Bank of China, Ltd., Ltd.	99,928	1	£ 5	\$91.10, 388, buyers
MARINE INSURANCES.				
Canton Insurance Office Co., Ltd.	10,000	280	50	\$340, buyers
China Traders' Insurance Co., Ltd.	20,000	83.38	125	\$94, buyers
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Foreign Insurance Association, Ltd.	100,000	100	50	\$100
WATER INSURANCES.				
China Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	90,000	100	20	\$89, buyers
Hongkong Fire Insurance Co., Ltd.	8,000	250	50	\$320, sellers
DOCKS, ETC.				
H'kong & Whampoa Dock Co., Ltd.	50,000	50	all	\$155, ex div.
Geo. Fenwick & Co., Limited.	18,000	75	25	\$23, sellers \$22, sellers

New Amoy Dock Co., Ltd.....	10,000	\$	61	\$	61	\$16, ex div.
S. C. Farnham, Boyd & Co. Ltd.....	55,700	Tls.	100	Tls	100	Tls. 122½
STEAMBOATS, SUGAR, ETC.						
China and Manilla S. S. Co. Ltd..	30,000	\$	25	\$	25	\$21, sellers
Douglas Steamship Co., Limited	20,000	\$	50	all		\$40, sales & buyers

HK. C. and M. Steamboat Co., Ltd.	80,000	15	10	\$24, sellers
Indo-China S. N. Company, Limited	60,000	2	all	\$38
Star Ferry Company, Ltd.	10,000	10	5	\$32, sales
	10,000	10	5	\$28, seller.
Shell Transport & Trading Co. Ltd.	200,000	2	1	24/
Taku Tug and Lighter Co., Ltd.	8,600	Tia.	50	Tia. 30
Tientsin S. N. Co., Ltd.	200,000			Tia. 60, sellers

Shanghai Tung & Lighter Co., Ltd.	100,000	Fls.	63	Fls.	60	Fls.	60, sellers
do. Preference.						Fls.	60, sellers
REFINERIES.							
China Sugar Company, Limited...	20,000	\$	100	all		\$214, sellers	
Euxon Sugar Company, Limited....	7,000	\$	100	all		\$37, sellers	
Perak Sugar Cultivation Co., Ltd....	7,000	Fls.	50	T	50	Fls.	70
WEAVERS.							

HK. & Kow Wharf & Godown Co.	30,000	\$	50	all	\$187, sellers
	10,000				
Shanghai and Hongkew Wharf Co.	20,000	Tls.	100	Tls. 100	Tls. 225
	12,000				
LAND AND BUILDING.					
Hongkong Land Investment and	50,000	\$	100	100	\$116, sellers

Agency Company, Limited.....	52,000	Tls.	50	Tls. 50	Tls. 110, ex div.
S' anghe's Land Investment Co., Ltd	6,000	\$	50	30	\$37 sellers
Kowloon Land and Building Com- pany.....	3,764	Tls.	25	Tls. 25	Tls. 12, buyers
Wei-hei-wei Land & Building Co., Ltd	150,000	\$	10	all	\$11.75, sellers
Humphreys, Eats & Finance Co.....	12,500	\$	50	\$43	\$43 sellers
Building Co., Limited.....					

West Point Building Co., Limited	250,000	£	100	all	400,000
TRAMWAYS.					
H.K. High-Level Tramways Co., Ltd.	1,250	g	100	all	\$215, buyers
MINING.					
Société Française des Charbon- nages du Tonkin.	18,000	Fr.	250	all	\$480
Barth. Aust. Gold Mining Co., Ltd.	200,000	£	1	18/10	\$31

HOTELS, ETC.				
Hongkong Hotel Company, Ltd. ..	12,000	\$	50	all \$140
Astor House Hotel Ltd. (Tientsin)	2,000	T.Tls.	50	Tls. 50 Tls. 135
Astor House Hotel Co., Ltd. (Shanghai)	30,000	\$	25	\$ 25 \$311
DISPENSARIES.				
A. S. Watson & Co. Limited,	80,000	\$	10	\$ 10 813 sales & buyers

A. S. Watson & Co.,	10,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$3, sellers
Watkins Limited						
MEXICO						
P.K. and China Gas Co., Limited	7,000	£	10	all		\$175, buyers
Shanghai Gas Company, Ltd.	8,000	Tls.	50	Tls.	60	Tls. 122, buyers
Hongkong Electric Co., Limited	30,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$16, buyers
New Electrica (new issue)	30,000	\$	10	\$	10	\$16, sales

BRICK AND CEMENT.					
Green Island Cement Co., Ltd.	150,000	\$	10	\$ 10	\$304, sellers, ex d
MISCELLANEOUS.					
Bells Asbestos Eastern Agency, Ltd.	8,604	£	12/6	12/6	\$7, buyers
United Asbestos Oriental Agency, Ltd.	1,000,000	\$	10	\$ 10	\$9

Limited,	10	10	\$100
Hk. Steam Waterboat Co., Ltd.	15,000	10	\$10, sellers
Hongkong Dairy Farm Co.	25,000	7 1/2	\$6, buyers
Hongkong Ice Company, Ltd.	5,000	25	\$130, buyers
Shanghai Waterworks Co., Ltd.	7,200	20	\$20, buyers
H'kong Rope Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	50	\$152, buyers
H'kong Saltworks Co., Ltd.	125,000	10	\$15, buyers

Hongkong Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	20,000	Tls. 50	Tls 5	Tls 59, buyers
International Cotton Manufacturing Co., Ltd.	10,000	Tls. 70	Tls. 75	Tls 60
Laon-Kong-Mow Cotton Spinning and Weaving Co., Ltd.	8,000	Tls. 100	Tls 100	Tls. 67

Soy Chee Cotton Spinning Co., Ltd.	2,000	18. 8 1/2	110. 2 1/2	110. 2 1/2
China Provident Loan Mortgage Co. Ltd.	200,000	10	10	\$9, sellers
China Borneo Company, Ltd.	60,000	12	12	\$10, sellers
Campbell, Moore & Co., Limited	1,200	10	10	\$8
Wm. Powell Ltd.	12,000	10	10	\$11, sellers
	8,000			

Shanghai and Hongkong Dyeing and Cleaning Co., Ltd.	1,200	50	50	\$50
South China Morning Post.	6,000	25	25	\$20, sellers
CIGAR COMPANIES.				
Philippines Co., Ltd.	67,500	10	10	\$5, buyers
Alphapha Limited.	800	500	50	\$100

LOANS.	Amount.	Value.	Interest.	Quotation.
Chinese Imperial 1888	Tls. 767,200	Tls. 250	7 1/2 % p. annum	Par.

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